

the State to which he has moved from Maryland.

I think a straightforward explanation of what the language here proposes demonstrates the difficulty of its administration and that is certainly something that we should not mandate be done in the Constitution.

If one of us were to move away from Maryland, presumably if we were to be cited by the precinct chairman in our precinct as having moved to California, then we should be removed from the voting books. We could then apply by letter to the Board of Supervisors of Elections in that county from which we moved, I assume, from California, and apply to vote in Maryland, even though we now live and intend to live in California, although we are not yet eligible to vote in California.

However, if the Board of Election Supervisors should through its intimate knowledge of the California voting laws, assure itself that we were eligible to vote in California or meeting the voting residence requirements in California, we would not then be eligible to vote in Maryland.

What this means is that every Board of Supervisors of Election in the State of Maryland must have a working knowledge of the election laws of all other 49 states of the union.

It seems to me again that while this is a lovely thought, that we would do a nice thing for the people who used to live in Maryland, and for old time's sake, if we would let them vote here in a presidential election, it still seems to me that the practical difficulties of administering this kind of provision warrant a merciful funeral for it at this Convention.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: I have a question of Delegate Koss.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Koss, do you desire to yield to Delegate Chabot?

DELEGATE KOSS: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: Delegate Hanson has created a very fine straw man and dressed him up in very fine clothes, and then just blown hard enough to show that he is just a straw man.

I suggest that we did not mandate the General Assembly to do anything. The Committee considered this matter and concluded that at the present time while we

were moving ahead, we should make sure that voters did not lose their right to vote for president by reason of crossing the state lines just before election. Many states had not yet taken appropriate actions along this line, and so the Committee concluded that the General Assembly ought to have the power if it felt that it was appropriate to exercise the power, in the manner that it felt it was appropriate to exercise the power, to permit the voter who had recently left his state nevertheless to vote for president.

We are not talking about any state office or county office or anything of that nature. We would permit them to vote for president if they had moved to another state. It would still be the president of the same nation that they were in when they lived in this State.

And it would be under such circumstances, if the General Assembly concluded that the administrative difficulties involved were too complex, there is nothing in here that requires the General Assembly to act. This would be the sort of thing that would involve, it would seem to us, peculiarly legislative determinations based upon the sort of investigation that a legislative committee ought to make, and not a constitutional committee.

It would involve the sort of determinations that would change from time to time, and so we decided to freeze nothing in here on this matter. However if we were silent on this matter, then the General Assembly would be forbidden to act, because we had set up general standards for all elections which these people could no longer meet.

This is a grant of authority to be exercised by the General Assembly in the appropriate circumstances as it saw fit, and we feel that it should stay in.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion?

Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I rise to support the amendment offered by Delegate Hanson. I followed him on a number of charges up San Juan Hill at this Convention. Most of them made sense, and some were shot down.

This time his proposition not only makes good sense, but I think it will capture a majority of the votes of the delegates. I know we are all concerned by the problem that the United States is a mobile nation with people moving here and about.